

## House Resolution No. 146

**Whereas**, upon occasion the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their legislative pursuits in order to acknowledge momentous events in local communities and neighborhoods throughout the Show-Me State; and

**Whereas**, on Friday, January 31, 2003, the Kirkwood Area Chamber of Commerce will host an Annual Installation and Awards Celebration at the St. Louis Frontenac Hilton in partnership with SSM St. Joseph Hospital/Kirkwood; and

**Whereas**, at this Fifty-seventh Installation and Awards Celebration, the Kirkwood Area Chamber of Commerce will recognize the Honorable Mary R. Russell for her longstanding dedication to the well-being of Kirkwood and its surrounding environs; and

**Whereas**, chosen to receive the 2002 Kirkwood Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award, Mary Russell has garnered an excellent reputation for her work on the Missouri Court of Appeals in St. Louis, to which she was appointed in 1995 as the youngest person and only the third woman to serve as an Appellate Judge in the Eastern District; and

**Whereas**, the beloved wife of Jim, Mary Russell has served on such illustrious boards and commissions as the Truman State University Board of Governors; Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline; Missouri Lawyers Trust Account Foundation; United Way; Missouri State Senate Reapportionment Commission; and University of Missouri Law School Foundation; and

**Whereas**, Judge Mary Russell has earned the University of Missouri Law School Citation of Merit Award, a Henry Toll Fellowship, a Missourians for Equal Justice Award, and induction into the Missouri Academy of Squires; and

**Whereas**, Judge Mary Russell is currently involved with Kirkwood Rotary, St. Louis Forum, St. Joseph's Hospital Board, Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life, Leadership St. Louis, and Truancy Court at North Middle School in Kirkwood:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Mary Russell for the 2002 Citizen of the Year award and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Mary R. Russell, Kirkwood Area Chamber of Commerce 2002 Citizen of the Year.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Richard G. Byrd  
District No. 94

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 146, adopted January 27, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker